



# SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR TOWN COUNCIL Minutes

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	<p><b><u>March 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Minutes of a General Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council held in Clark House, Shipston on Stour at 7.00pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Those Present:-</u></b> Town Cllrs: Cllrs V Murphy, I Cooper, M Ferrier, B Healey, A Ivens, R Munden, P Rathkey, J Warner WCC: Cllr C Saint      SDC: Cllrs Cheney, Kenner      Press: 2      Public: 3</p> <p><b><u>Introduction</u></b> The Town Mayor, Cllr. Mrs Veronica Murphy, welcomed Town Council members, the press, and the public to the March Meeting of Shipston on Stour Town Council.</p> <p>1 <b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b> – Cllrs Saunders; Trapp; Vial and F Ivens</p> <p>2 Cllr A Ivens proposed that apologies be accepted, seconded Cllr Warner – <b>unanimously agreed</b></p> <p>3 <b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> Cllr Cooper – Item 11 Planning 14/00428/FUL</p> <p>Cllr Rathkey raised a point of order – that he had not received the draft consultation report for item 12. Cllr Healey proposed that this item be deferred until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March, seconded Cllr Warner – <b>unanimously agreed</b></p> <p>5 <b><u>Previous minutes</u></b> Cllr Cooper proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> February be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded Cllr Ferrier – <b>unanimously agreed</b></p> <p>6 <b><u>Clerk's Report</u></b> – additional items reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cllr A Ivens proposed that the revised allotment agreement and information pack be accepted, seconded Cllr Rathkey – <b>vote – unanimously agreed</b></li></ul></p> <p>7 <b><u>Reports</u></b> <b><u>Town Councillors</u></b> <b>Cllr. A Ivens</b> – monthly play area inspection and litter pick, re-opened Mayo Road <b>Cllr. I Cooper</b> – nothing to report <b>Cllr. M Ferrier</b> – reported that the system to report faults to WCC worked well – the path and street lights he reported have been repaired. <b>Cllr. J Warner</b> – had nothing to report. <b>Cllr. R Munden</b> – reported to the continuing problem of dog fouling on Tileman's Lane <b>Cllr. B Healey</b> – made visits to investigate appropriate surfaces for repairs to existing wetpour. <b>Cllr. V Murphy</b> - attended various working group meetings, Civic Events at Alcester and WCC and the Lord Mayor's Musical Extravaganza. The Mayor spent an interesting morning with the Air Ambulance and attended a flag day ceremony at Stratford.</p> <p><b><u>County Council</u></b> <b>Cllr. Saint</b> – reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Has landscaping and other issues with the revised ASL application.</li><li>Banner Homes 26<sup>th</sup> March. As a green field site permission does not have to be granted.</li><li>An investigation into savings of a Unitary Council will be looked into following a meeting at WCC.</li></ul></p>	

## District Council

### **SDC – Cllr. Kenner – reported:**

- There is to be further consultation on the Telegraph Street car park permit charging policy.
- Asked planning officer to address point 26 with CALA on their application at the Norgren site.
- Aside from possible staffing implications supports the idea of a unitary authority.
- Provision of the domestic violence shelter should be funded permanently not an annual decision.
- A more balanced approach between council and the developers on social housing provision is required.
- Opposes the Plan B submission from ASL; not sustainable, no supermarket or petrol station and too little sheltered accommodation.

### **SDC – Cllr. Cheney – gave his report on SDC matters and issues:**

- Supports a unitary authority. A report investigating potential savings up to 12 million will be presented in June.
- SDC should be looking into the need for more affordable housing in the district.
- Continues to object to the planning application for further development on the London Road.
- Objects to the ASL application ahead of the Draft Core Strategy and a Neighbourhood Plan.

## Safety Neighbourhood Team (Police)

PCSO Andy Steventon gave a report on recent police activity. Newsletter at: <http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/stratford-district/shipston/newsletter/>

## Shipston Forum

### **Forum Editor reported:**

- Busy month for adverts
- Town meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April will be included

## 8 Open Forum for Parishioners

Mr Legge requested that draft minutes be made available

Mrs Kiely asked if the white lines could be repainted on the disabled space in High Street, the request will be passed to WCC Highways

## 9 Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

- A project manager has been appointed, subject to a budget meeting,
- Stephen Miles will support the role.
- Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March

## 10 Sustainability Working Group

Following discussion of the group's report – Cllr Ferrier proposed that the additional response to the DCS be submitted to the Planning Unit at SDC, seconded Cllr Rathkey – **unanimously agreed**

Cllr Ferrier proposed that the SWG enter a “without prejudice” dialogue with ASL to establish what opportunities exist within their applications which may directly improve the infrastructure of the town, seconded Cllr Healey – **vote 5 for 3 against – motion carried**

## 11 Planning Matters

### **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 1400272/OUT – land next to 6 Queens Close – outline for one bungalow  
No representation proposed by Cllr Healey, seconded Cllr Ferrier – **unanimously agreed**
- 14/00215/FUL – Mount Farm, Campden Rd – conversion of storage building to dwelling house  
No representations with comment that building should not exceed the height of any new buildings on the adjacent Norgren site, proposed by Cllr Rathkey, seconded Cllr Cooper – **unanimously agreed**
- 14/00185/FUL – Former Norgren site – sustainable urban drainage system  
No representation with a comment that STC does not have expertise in this matter, proposed Cllr Rathkey, seconded Cllr Cooper – **unanimously agreed**
- 13/02571/OUT – Land south of Campden Road – amendment – further observations only – no further comments
- 14/00318/OUT – Land north of Campden Rd – 143 residential dwellings and 72 extra care flats  
Following detailed discussion, Cllr Rathkey proposed that STC object to this application for the following reasons: Lack of consultation with local community; contrary to the White report recommendations; will destroy the setting of the town by building up to the ridgeway; disproportionate to the 2% housing needs of the town; the current infrastructure, including: schools, medical centre and other services will not cope with these additional numbers, seconded Cllr Cooper – **vote 7 for, 1 against – motion carried**

- 14/00428/FUL – Greenfields Nursery, Mayo Road – single storey extension to existing No representation proposed by Cllr Rathkey, seconded Cllr A Ivens – **vote 6 for, 1 against**, (Cllr Cooper having declared an interest did not vote)

**PLANNING DECISIONS BY DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNCIL**

- 1400026/FUL – 8 Springfield Road – single storey extension – Permission with conditions
- 13/03266/FUL – Street Record, High St – phone kiosk and ATM – permission with conditions
- 13/03230/FUL – 8 Old Road – Two storey rear extension – permission with conditions

**PLANNING ENFORCEMENT APPEAL**

APP/J3720/C/14/2213775 – Ash Paddocks, Stratford Road – Concerning no planning permission for change of use from agricultural to mixed use.

**OTHER PLANNING ISSUES**

- A proposal to investigate the opportunities for S106 funding from the proposed Banner Homes and ASL developments at Campden Road with SDC and WCC was discussed, Cllr Ferrier put the proposal, seconded by Cllr Rathkey – **unanimously agreed**
- To discuss changes that STC consider essential to the ASL and Banner applications, the sustainability WG to take suggestions to the developers for comment / action – following discussion it was noted that this was a task delegated to the PWG, the proposal was dropped.

12 **Gypsy / Traveller Consultation** - This item was deferred to 17<sup>th</sup> March

13 **General Purposes Working Group**

1. A dog bin had been requested for Telegraph Street, following discussion noting that a preferred site for the bin would be adjacent to the Fire Station, Cllr Cooper proposed that a bin be purchased and placed in Telegraph Street, seconded Cllr Rathkey – **unanimously agreed**
2. Grass verge at Mill Street – the group recommended that as bark would wash away in times of flood, the area should be turfed – Cllr Healey proposed that the recommendation be accepted, seconded Cllr A Ives – **7 for, 1 abstention – motion carried**
3. Trees – the group recommended that a full inspection of all trees owned by STC be undertaken by WCC Arboricultural officer, seconded Cllr Warner – **unanimously agreed**
4. The request for a bus shelter at the Plantation had been investigated and it was recommended that no further action be taken at present.
5. Investigations into repairs to wetpour surface at Sports Club play area is continuing
6. Various repairs at the Sports Club have been carried out or are awaiting further reports.

14 **Communications Working Group**

Nothing to report at present

15 **Finance Group**

Cllr Cooper gave his report on behalf of the FWG, the group reviewed recent financial statements, no issues found. A new internal auditor is being sought by the group, the existing auditor is unable to continue with the task. The group will review financial regulations and policies, it will also review end of grant evaluations. The group will discuss the stair lift issues with the supplier, it does not recommend replacement by a lift due to practicalities, the stair lift will be repaired and a robust checking system will be followed to ensure it is working adequately at all times.

17 **Financial Matters**

Cllr Cooper proposed that all invoices be paid, seconded Cllr A Ivens – unanimously agreed

18 **Correspondence** - No matters raised

**Finale**

The Town Mayor noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 in New Clark House commencing at 7.00 pm.

The Town Mayor thanked fellow councillors, press and public for their attendance and closed the meeting to press and public at 9.15 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Councillor Mrs V Murphy  
Town Mayor  
Shipston on Stour Town Council